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Dear Ms. Hesse,

Late last year the Justice Department and Microsoft reached a long sought after compromise in the anti-trust case. I understand that in order to comply with the Tunney Act members of the public are provided with the opportunity to provide comment on the settlement.

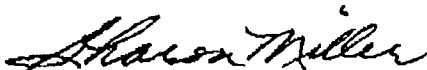
There is no doubt that this case against Microsoft has been an interesting one to observe. The issues of this case are fairly simple to grasp, the government is basically contending that Microsoft has violated anti-trust laws through its business practices and has in fact committed consumer harm.

One interesting aspect of this case is that throughout the last four years that we have watched this case unfold and have heard reports of the impending break-up of Microsoft we have yet to be shown one sliver of evidence that demonstrates consumer harm.

Another aspect of this case is not so much interesting as it is painful. In 1998 when this case first began, our country was in the midst of a healthy economy. The New Economy was really beginning to look real. However, as this case began to pick up steam and break-up rumors were rampant the tech economy began to drift downward. Americans have experienced the impact of this lawsuit first hand in their investment accounts and lost jobs.

The DOJ and Microsoft have deemed this settlement satisfactory. It outlines remedies for Microsoft that appear to be equitable given what has held up in lower courts. The compromise now on the table will bring an end to a suit that has already cause significant damage. I urge you to accept it.

Sincerely,



Sharon Miller